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UNCOVERING THE GENDERED EXPERIENCE OF LAW SCHOOL

As some of you may remember, last semester I undertook a research project about the gendered experience of law school. Within the context of this research, I interviewed 26 female and male students and surveyed 127 others about their experiences in the Faculty. As I will elaborate over the coming weeks, gender continues to play a critical role in the way students experience law school. Despite the numerical equality enjoyed by McGill Law students, many female students continue to face subtle yet disturbing instances of gender discrimination on a regular basis.

I hope this column will not only inform our community about the continued reality of gender inequity, but will also create an opportunity for discussion about gender inequities in legal education, a topic which seems to have lost its appeal as-of-late. While my results are troubling and, without a doubt, controversial, talking about them openly is an important first step in remedying the inequities that continue to exist within these "hallowed halls".

Before getting into the nitty gritty, I would like to tell you a bit more about why I decided to undertake this research and present some basic findings.

I'll never forget my first day of law school. While I'm sure our Dean delivered eloquent opening remarks, they're not what I remember. What I remember is how I felt. Those nervous butterflies in my stomach. How impossible it was to hold back my excitement of finally being where I had long dreamed of being: McGill University's Faculty of Law. How full of hope and possibility my future seemed. I was going to clerk for the Supreme Court of Canada, and then I was going to plead before it in defense of human rights. It didn't take long to realize that my idyllic view of the road ahead was misguided.

Before coming to McGill Law, I completed my undergraduate degree at in Speech Communication and Peace & Conflict Studies. I had spent four years learning how to communicate, and, more importantly, how to listen. It was only in my Third Year of law school that I realized I had spent two years unlearning those skills. But in my second week of law school, my undergraduate education still fresh in my mind, I began to notice the communication patterns in the classroom. And the more I watched, the starker it became: women weren't speaking up.

They did at first. But as the weeks went by, female participation dwindled. My curiosity about "the gendered experience of law school" grew out of my observation of this phenomenon. It deepened when feelings of inadequacy replaced my self-confidence, and, for the first time in my life, I worried that I wasn't smart enough, and convinced myself that my opinions and questions were not worth sharing. It became a passion when I started talking to other women about their experiences in law school, and a pattern of shared gendered experiences began to emerge. When I started this re-

search, it became an obsession.

I started with what seemed like a straightforward research question: do women and men experience law school differently? If so, how, and why? The answer, I soon discovered, was not so straightforward. People answered differently depending on certain factors: their gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, previous education, work experience... Responses were nuanced and complex, never perfectly clear or on point, and often slightly uncertain and doubtful. Many of the men I asked had never considered the gendered experience of law school before. Some female participants had, like me, become obsessed with it since starting law school. But slowly, out of the nuance, complexity, uncertainty and doubt emerged an answer: Yes. Undeniably yes. Women and men do experience law school differently.

Despite the increasing presence of women in legal education and legal institutions, and the increasing awareness and use of updated pedagogical practices, law school remains a distinctively gendered experience. Women bear the emotional and psychological brunt of an educational system still entrenched in the patriarchal principles upon which it was originally founded. As a result, as women make the passage from law school to lawyering, they lose their voices, and, ultimately, lose themselves.

This may not come as a surprise. Previous research on gender in legal education has reached similar conclusions. What did surprise me was the candor with which students shared their experiences, their vulnerability, their pain; the emotions they expressed – the passion, the anger, the frustration, the sadness – and the tears that accompanied their stories; the relief they felt when they realized they weren't alone, that they weren't the only ones who had felt and experienced what they had. What surprised me the most, however, was the consistency of the experiences among women, and their willingness to share those experiences. It is amazing what their voices will say when they are not being silenced.

What will follow in the weeks to come is my analysis of 26 individual student interviews and 127 survey responses. While I describe certain findings with statistics, there is no regression analysis, null hypothesis or attempt to present statistically significant multivariate differentials; it was not my intention to develop an authoritative statistical analysis. I simply wanted to hear and understand how people experienced law school; I wanted to know how they felt. I have done my best to be true to this data and the people who participated. I have also done my best to be true to the voices of the women and men who shared their stories and I have consistently attempted to remain true to the context in which the words were spoken. I wanted to provide a forum where these voices, too often silenced within the context of legal education, could be heard. So please, over the coming weeks, listen.

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Law 3
Co-editor-in-chiefs

EDITORIAL

It is with both pleasure and great pride that we introduce to you, fellow members of our illustrious Faculty, the NEW and IMPROVED *Quid Novi*. For those of you who are picking up your very first copy—savour the moment, for we assure you that you are about to begin a long and meaningful relationship. The *Quid Novi* is a Faculty tradition dating all the way back to the 1980s. For over three decades, students and faculty alike have utilized this venue as an opportunity to share their opinions on the issues of the day, inform the Faculty of upcoming events, and express themselves in ways perhaps otherwise unappreciated by the legal tradition.

The *Quid Novi* is *your* paper. Indeed, it is entirely student-run. The publication comes out every Tuesday morning—consisting of the submitted work of your peers, which has been edited, reviewed and transferred to the *Quid* layout by Student Associate Reviewers and Layout Editors. It is a labour of love, and believe us, a remarkable amount of both effort and time goes into every *Quid*. We urge you to recognize the value inherent in this publication and seize the opportunity to use it. We often describe the *Quid* as a “writing free for all.” For there is nothing (well, a qualified nothing) that isn’t appropriate or worth sending to our publication. We are constantly seeking suggestions and recommendations on what to include or on how to better use the *Quid*. In that regard, please send any and all proposals to our email address: quid.law@mcgill.ca.

Si vous désirez faire publier un article dans le *Quid Novi*, faites nous le parvenir par courriel, jeudi avant 5h00, pour qu’il soit publié dans l’édition du mardi suivant. N’oubliez pas d’inclure un titre pour votre article, ainsi que votre année d’étude. De plus, s’il vous plaît vous assurez que votre article est enregistré comme document Word et que vos photos sont sous forme de .jpeg ou de .pdf.

Finalement, nous aimerions remercier Morgane Saout, notre graphiste, avec qui nous avons travaillé tout au long de l’été pour produire la nouvelle mise en page du *Quid Novi*. Nous voulions donner au *Quid* un look plus moderne et aéré, afin de rendre votre lecture plus agréable. Nous voulons remercier tous les membres de l’équipe de l’an dernier qui nous sont revenus, ainsi que tous les nouveaux membres pour leur enthousiasme. Leur participation est indispensable à la publication du *Quid*.

Nous attendons avec impatience de voir ce que l’année 2010-2011 réserve au *Quid Novi*! Bonne lecture!!

CRIMINAL LAW EXISTS, IS AWESOME

Law IV

**MIKE
LOCKNER**

Going to McGill law means a lot of big players are vying for your attention. Firms will go far out of their way to let you know they want you, and aren't afraid to lavish you with attention and free booze to get the message across.

All the free stuff is flattering, to be sure; but all the booze, trinkets and glossy pamphlets can be distracting if you're trying to look at other options – which is of course what they are meant to do. The loud voices of these firms (who can afford to be loud) tend to drown out a lot of the other opportunities out there that don't advertise so loudly – and especially those that are waiting for you to find them.

While there are hidden gems out there in every kind of law, I'd like to talk about a subject that I feel rarely gets mentioned in the same breath as "career" at McGill: criminal law.

Practicing criminal law, either as defence or prosecution, is a viable career option for you. In any

province, in any city. And it's a lot of fun. No one necessarily tells you this here, but it's true.

Unfortunately, knowing that it's an option and knowing how to pursue that option are two different things. How do you find what kinds of jobs are out there? What is it actually like? How do you find out if it's for you? How do you find people who practice it to talk to?

When I came to McGill, I was completely lost on this front. I eventually pieced together enough knowledge to follow through and actually pursue a career in criminal law, but it was only through a lot of grunt work and luck that I even found the right goal to chase. This was less than ideal.

While the laws of space-time prevent me from making the process of discovering criminal law easier for myself, Joannie Jacob (3L) and I figured that there had to be a better way of making sure people get to see what criminal law is all about outside of the textbook law –

the live issues, the career opportunities, the people who practice it.

To this end, we've started a new student organization: Criminal Law McGill / Droit Criminel McGill.

For our first event we organized a visit to the Municipal Court of Montreal – the ground-level court that deals with the vast majority of crimes in the city – on September 15th.

After that, expect 5 à 7s, mock interviews (criminal law edition), visits to jail, and various other activities.

You don't have to be absolutely committed to criminal law to join – if you're interested, or even just a little curious, I'd encourage you to sign up for CLM/DCM, and follow our updates and events to see if anything catches your interest. We're hoping that it will be the introduction to criminal law we never had.

Email us at:
clm.dcm@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

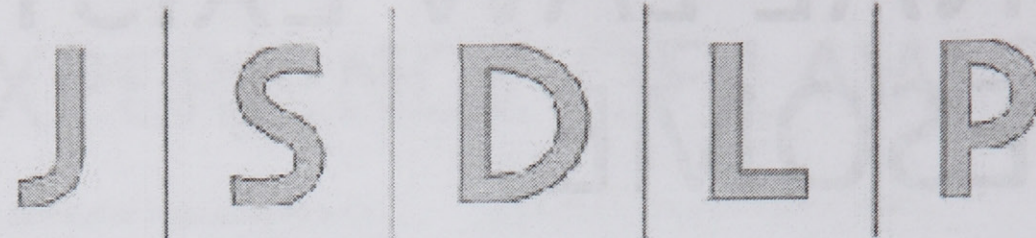
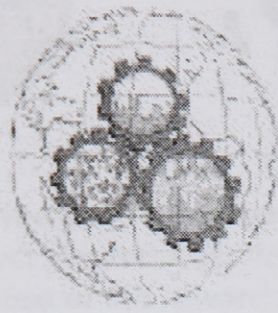
September 21st: 6:00 p.m. -Thompson House
Jewish Law Students' Association Meet & Greet

September 29th: 12:00 - Room 312

Bixi Bikes: Urban Promise or Public Health Pitfall?

October 2nd: Malpractice Cup 2010!
vp-athletics.lsa@mail.mcgill.ca

Have an event? Let us know!
quid.law@mcgill.ca



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The *McGill International Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy* (JSDLP) / *Revue internationale de droit et politique du développement durable de McGill* (RDPDD) is a forum for the world's leading scholars to exchange ideas on the intersections between law, development, the environment, economics, and society.

JSDLP seeks **Associate Editors** fluent in English and/or French to join the Editorial Board of Volume 7. Les Rédacteurs associés sont responsables de la vérification du format et du contenu des références, participent à la sélection et à la révision des articles et acquièrent les compétences nécessaires pour devenir Rédacteurs seniors l'année suivante. La Revue reçoit annuellement bon nombre de soumissions en français.

JSDLP is also recruiting a **Website/Layout Editor**, **Solicitations Editor** and a **Subscriptions Editor** to join the Managerial Board. The Website/Layout Editor manages the web site and prepares the layout for publication. The Solicitations Editor manages and works to expand the JSDLP's solicitations database which include potential authors and peer reviewers. The Subscriptions Editor expands subscriptions and manages the Journal's contracts with online databases.

The positions entail a **one-year** commitment, from September 2010 to August 2011. Applicants must be Law undergraduate students and First Years are welcome. Les Rédacteurs associés sont éligibles d'appliquer pour les positions de rédacteur crédités académiquement de l'année suivante.

Your application package consists of a one-page letter of intent, your CV and a one-page reflective commentary on a brief article that shall be sent to you upon request by email at jedlp.law@mcgill.ca. Vos documents peuvent être rédigés en français ou en anglais.

Please submit your application by **Saturday, September 25th at 11:59pm**. Interviews are scheduled on the first days of next week. For questions or clarifications, please contact the Journal at jedlp.law@mcgill.ca or visit our web site, <http://jedlp.mcgill.ca/>.

HOW TO APPLY FOR GRADUATION

SAO

Undergraduate students and non-thesis LL.M. students who expect to graduate in 2010-2011 must apply to graduate via Minerva. In order to ensure you have met all the requirements for graduation, please review the following steps:

Review the information posted on the SAO web site,
<http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/policies/graduation/>.

Apply for graduation on Minerva<https://banweb.mcgill.ca/mcgp/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin>. It is your responsibility to inform us of your intention to graduate.

Deadlines:

- * Students who intend to graduate at the end of the summer term 2010 (courses completed by August for October convocation) must contact Nancy Czemmél ASAP.

- * Students who intend to graduate at the end of the fall 2010 term (courses completed December for June convocation) must apply on Minerva by the end of November.

- * Students who intend to graduate at the end of the winter 2011 term (courses completed April for June convocation) must apply on Minerva by February.

- * If you are away on exchange, please contact Kelly Cassidy<<mailto:kelly.cassidy@mcgill.ca>> or Nancy Czemmél.

- * Review the Graduation and diploma information
<<http://www.mcgill.ca/student-records/graduation/>> on the McGill

Student Information site for information regarding the convocation ceremony, how to make sure your name is spelled the way you want on the diploma, when to pick up your diploma, etc.

- * Review your academic record in order to ensure you have met all the degree requirements. Students are encouraged to complete a Program Requirement Checklist
<<http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/forms/#COURSES>>.

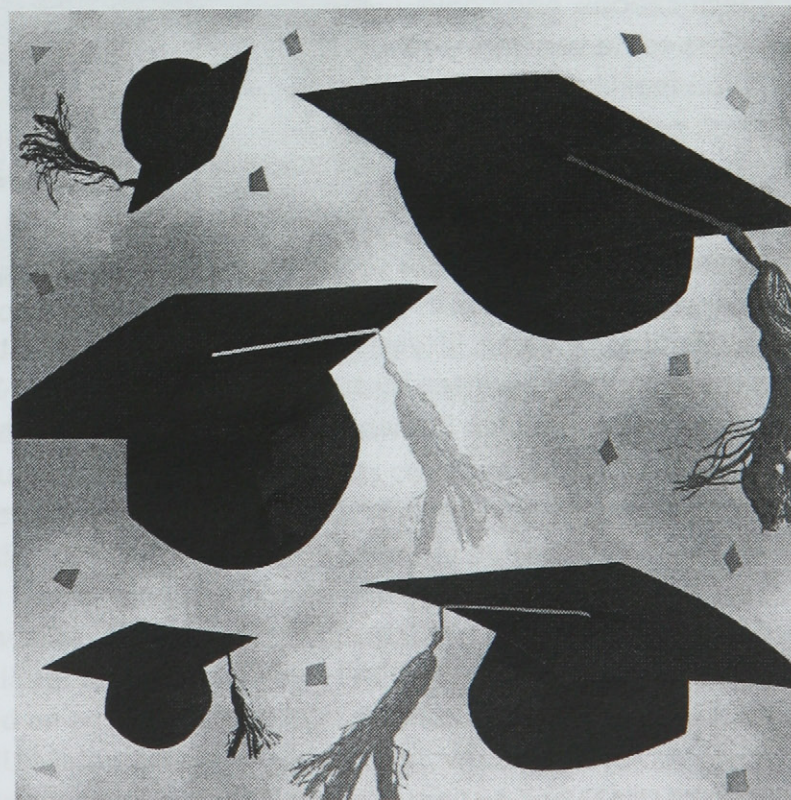
- * Complete the CDO Graduation Survey<<https://careerlink.mcgill.ca/>>.

If you require confirmation from the SAO to attend the École du Barreau du Québec- Centre de Montréal
<<http://www.ecoledubarreau.qc.ca/>>, please apply to graduate in your final year as soon as possible.

How to apply to graduate:

1. Log into Minerva<https://banweb.mcgill.ca/mcgp/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin>, using your McGill ID and PIN. First-time users should consult How to log in
<<http://www.mcgill.ca/minerva-students/login/>> for details.
2. Select the Student Menu.
3. Select the Student Records item.
4. Select "Apply for Graduation for Your Primary Curriculum (1st degree)". From the instructions that appear on the screen, complete your application by verifying and then submitting the selections shown on your record.

All enquiries may be directed to info.law@mcgill.ca.



MICHAEL
SHORTT

NOT ROCKET SURGERY

NRS is a column that attempts to deliver the inside scoop on McGill University and Montreal to those who are newcomers to one or both. Last year's topics ranged from how to make money on campus to the best pizza places in Montreal. Today's column focuses on the McGill library system, and some of the less obvious things it can do for you.

1) Personal Print or PDF editions of classic books: Ever seen a book in the library and wished you owned a copy? Well now you can - thanks to the Print On Demand service! For \$10 library staff will provide you with a high-resolution PDF of a book of your choice, or for \$29 they will provide both a PDF and a printed and bound paper copy (prices may change for large, fragile or unusual formats). On the other hand, if you buy the PDF, you can take it to Copie Nova and have them bind it to your specifications. And Copie Nova offers some very fancy options if you feel like paying for hardcover, gold leaf printing.

The one slight catch to all this is that the book's copyright must have expired. Pop quiz - how long is copyright in Canada? If you said "Author's life plus fifty years" you're absolutely right. This means that only books written by authors who died prior to 1960 are eligible for the Print On Demand service. To determine the

death date of an author, the most reliable strategy is probably a Google/Wikipedia search.



2) Free stuff: We all know that the libraries provide free book bags (that zip up in to easily portable wallets) if you ask at the loans desk. What you may not know is that they will also give you a pair of free headphones if you show them your student card (limit one headset per student). The headphones are the over-the-ear kind, bright red and feature the McGill logo. They're also not the best headphones in the world, but hey, they're free! Keep your eyes peeled for other library giveaways, since last year brought us bags and hand sanitizer in addition to the headsets.

3) Free software: Navigate to ELMS at: <https://elms04.e-academy.com/mcgill/> or google "McGill elms". This website contains all the free software that you are entitled to as a McGill student, as well as software you can purchase at a discount. The programs that are available free for students include: Refman, Endnote, SAS, and several antivirus programs. For the scientifically or mathematically inclined, a variety of specialized software is also

available. Depending on your operating system and internet connection, you may need to be on campus to access the free software.

AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR LSA...

PRESIDENT

**STEFAN
HOFFMAN**

Welcome back! On behalf of the LSA Executive I hope everyone had a productive and restful summer. It's been an exciting period of renewal for the LSA Executive and I wanted to take some time to highlight some of the progress that's already been made. I would like to thank the entire Executive, many of whom volunteered considerable amounts of their time tirelessly throughout the summer in an effort to improve the services we provide students.

Beaucoup de choses se sont produites depuis le mois d'avril. Cette année, l'AÉD n'a pas engagé d'étudiant comme responsable administratif du bureau. Afin d'épargner de l'argent pour d'autres projets, j'ai volontairement donné de mon temps durant l'été pour remplir cette tâche avec l'aide de mes autres exécutifs qui étaient présents à Montréal. Nous avons commencé notre mandat avec un grand ménage du printemps! Le local de rangement de l'AÉD a été complètement nettoyé et réorganisé. Dans l'avenir, ce local ainsi qu'une petite pièce supplémentaire derrière celui-ci découverte lors du nettoyage deviendront un espace utilisable. Des documents datant des années 1940 furent découverts et grâce à l'aide du professeur Tina Piper, ils furent efficacement organisés pour les préserver. Nous travaillons présentement avec les Archives de McGill afin de décider si certains documents ont besoin d'être archivés professionnellement et d'être protégés par l'Université pour leur préservation future.

In May I worked with Tara on updating the Sponsorship Package sent out to firms. By taking into consideration the feedback we received from firms at the end of last year we have managed to increase both the number of firms and the amount of money we have received. As well, we are working with small- and medium-sized law firms and creating new sponsorship opportunities that fit their budgets to broaden the scope of firms to which students are exposed. We continue to look for ways to increase public and not-for-profit participation. Over the summer, we formalized our previous verbal agreement with Blakes to continue sponsoring Skit Nite for the next two years while negotiating the inclusion of a third year. As well, we are pleased to announce that Blakes will be the principal sponsor of Law School of Rock for the next three years allowing the Skit Nite Committee to increase their donations to charity.

I would like to take a second to thank the co-chair of the Orientation Committee, Helene. It has a lot of hard work but also a lot of fun. I would like to extend my gratitude to the Committee directors, Caitlin, Jean-Philip, Greg, Georgia and Laurence for all their

hard work and commitment. Nearly 170 students signed up to participate in Orientation and turnout at all events have surpassed our expectations. After four months of careful navigation, Helene has secured our alcohol permit for the upcoming year. As well, Helene has held discussions about our concerns with McGill Food and Dining Services. They have indicated some goodwill by purchasing the new benches outside.

I owe a special thank-you to Laurie (and her Management Degree) for explaining to me all the technical aspects of the financial operations of the LSA. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that we have an accurate understanding of the previous years' expenses in order to properly chart our course for the upcoming year. We are prepared for the Financial Audit of our accounts and look forward to presenting a complete Budget at our upcoming Town Hall. Maintaining a properly regulated financial system is one of the most difficult aspects of student government, particularly due to the yearly turnover. As such, we want to be as transparent as possible! Laurie and I prepared the Dean's Discretionary Fund (DDF) report in July and have been approved by the Faculty for the DDF for the upcoming year. Having been approved early will allow us to begin the process of accepting applications and disbursing the funds quicker. Finally, we have updated the LSA Financial policies and would encourage all students to read the document. We are continuing to try and eliminate cash transactions and will be exploring options for reducing the need to use cash.

Je suis heureux de vous annoncer que le Bottin ainsi que l'Agenda seront disponibles pour tous les étudiants en automne. Mason a travaillé ardemment tout l'été à recueillir et mettre à jour les informations pour l'Agenda. Le Bottin pourra facilement être mis à jour et nous pourrions éviter toutes les souffrances de l'an dernier. En séparant le Bottin de l'Agenda, nous serons en mesure de fournir aux étudiants ces deux outils plus rapidement. Nous avons également créé de nouveaux formulaires pour l'inscription des clubs, pour les demandes de coffeehouses ainsi que pour les demandes de fonds. Nous croyons que ces nouveaux formulaires fourniront les informations nécessaires et serviront à améliorer les relations entre l'AÉD et les Clubs. We have also secured an additional \$3,000 in club funding by enforcing the LSA-SSMU Memorandum of Agreement, which calls for an equal contribution of \$3,000 from both the LSA and SSMU to a Club Parity Fund for Faculty Clubs.

Tout au long de l'été, j'ai travaillé avec la VP Administration, Farah, afin d'améliorer la qualité et l'organisation des documents de l'AÉD. Nous continuerons d'utiliser PBWorks comme moyen de garder nos documents en ligne, mais nous allons également rétablir l'usage de classeurs qui seront passés d'un exécutif à un autre. J'aimerais également prendre le temps de remercier Farah qui a pris de son temps cet été pour traduire les documents de l'AÉD afin qu'ils suivent notre nouveau modèle bilingue intégré. Lorsque nous avons commencé notre mandat, de nombreux documents n'étaient pas disponibles dans les deux langues. Au lieu d'avoir une version complète en anglais et une autre en français, nous nous sommes mis d'accord pour adopter le modèle utilisé par la Faculté et fournir aux étudiants des documents bilingues. We have also reinstalled the Dish on the roof and the television in the Students Lounge is once again functional. Finally, we are continuing to improve and brighten up our office so please do stop by!

The summer tends to be a bit quieter for the VP-External, Academic and Athletics but I'd like to highlight some of the work that has already begun. Both the VP-External and Academic have begun exploring the evidence concerning the JD issue, which we believe must be properly explored. As well, Kirk has begun visiting with the SSMU. Julien has been organizing the law partners program, which I'm happy to announce, appears to be a success once again. The VP-Athletics Mike Finley has created a new document available on the website detailing the various athletic opportunities around the Faculty and at McGill. Mike has also been working on increasing the number of physical activities available to students at the faculty by instituting running groups and we will continue to explore expanding the apparel available to students.

Finalement, je me sens comme un parent très fier en annonçant l'arrivée du nouveau site Web de l'AÉD. (www.lsa-aed.ca). L'ancien site Web était sans utilité à la plupart des étudiants, car il ne pouvait pas être facilement mis à jour. La nouvelle plateforme nous permettra de créer un site dynamique sur lequel on retrouvera régulièrement (et fréquemment!) des annonces et des événements à venir. Nous avons ajouté une nouvelle page concernant l'information sur les clubs, une section photos, une section contenant les documents les plus demandés, un calendrier que nous espérons remplir avec des événements organisés par les clubs, l'AÉD et la Faculté. The LSA Executive is confident

that students will find this new site to be a much better and more useful product than its predecessor; however, it remains a work in progress. Pour terminer, j'aimerais encourager tous les étudiants à partager avec nous leurs questions ou inquiétudes concernant le nouveau site Web.

For those who made it this far into the article I'd like to thank you! In the future I'll try to keep my ramblings a little shorter. As you can see it's been a busy summer. I truly believe that there is a lot more we can accomplish together this year. The LSA Executive certainly has some ideas ranging from constitutional/by-law reform, the place of French in the faculty, the JD, long-term financial commitments and working on new flavors of beer. In an upcoming issue I look forward to expanding upon some of our ideas for the coming year. However, in the end as your student representatives it is your opinions that empower us. So don't be shy; let us know what you want changed and we will continue to think of ways to solicit your opinions. I am proud of what the LSA Executive has already accomplished and look forward to the opportunity to meet with LSA Council beginning in October and with the student body as a whole during our Town Halls. In the meantime, don't hesitate to write, stop by the office, or stop as in the hallways as we look forward to hearing from you all.



FARAH GOULAHOUSSSEN

Bonjour! I'm Farah Goulamhoussen et je suis votre VP Administration au sein de l'AÉD pour l'année scolaire 2010-2011.

In this little article, I am supposed to talk to you about what I did this summer. Let's

see.... At times, it felt like my job consisted of forwarding your e-mails to the right person! Many of you do not take the time to read the e-mails I send and just automatically press reply, so I (how lucky am I?) receive all your e-mails that are of no interest to me (except making my job annoying!) I thought that I should take some time to explain you something important in this article (because hopefully people will read this article - as opposed to the e-mails I send). Let's make it simple and clear: The VP-Administration has the super privilege of sending e-mails to the Faculty. And let me tell you, it is a good thing that I am the only one who can do that, or else you would be harassed with tons and tons of e-mails! How it works is that a VP, a club or someone else sends me an e-mail they want to send to all the students of the Faculty and I send it from MY account. (Meaning that when you receive it, it comes from the VP Admin even though it is signed by a club or someone else!) After reading the e-mail, you should technically have spotted an e-mail address to which you should respond. DO NOT JUST PRESS REPLY because the e-mail will be sent to me and I will have to forward it to the right person! Now that you are aware that by pressing « Reply » you send the e-mail to me, I will take for granted that you understood how it works and will now take the time to e-mail the right person!

Passons aux choses plus sérieuses maintenant. Pourquoi admin? Soyons honnêtes, je suis maniaque d'organisation, de planification et de gestion. La fille derrière le bureau, devant l'ordinateur, à longueur de journée, qui fait que les autres ont les outils administratifs pour exécuter leurs tâches, c'est moi! Most of you find that boring, but I love to plan meetings, write e-mails, and deal with nitty gritty details - and that's what I'll be doing all year as your VP Administration.

Une bonne administration est le fondement de tout bon comité et je prendrai à coeur cette tâche qui m'est donnée. Cette année, mon objectif sera d'améliorer la communication autant entre les membres de l'association eux-mêmes, qu'entre vous, les étudiants de la faculté et les membres de l'association. Also, I'll be working on the LSA's administration and I'll be making sure that it is under good management so for future years, so it will be easy to keep track of everything that has been done before. How am I qualified? Well, I'm patient, I'm persistent, I'm organized and I'm ready to take on the challenge! Cet engagement, je crois, sera ma force en tant que VP admin.

Si vous avez passé devant le bureau de l'AÉD récemment, vous avez probablement remarqué que beaucoup de changements y ont été apportés! Cet été, j'ai nettoyé, peinturé et décoré l'AÉD afin qu'il soit un endroit plus attirant et vivable! Alors, si vous avez questions, commentaires, suggestions (ou si vous voulez simplement admirer le chef d'oeuvre sur les murs du bureau de l'AÉD), n'hésitez pas à m'aborder dans les couloirs ou simplement venir me voir à l'AÉD, I'm ready to listen to everything you have to say and improve our lifestyle at the faculty! (And also, I will admit that being behind a computer all day long can be boring, so please do come and have a chat with me while I'm working in the LSA Office.) Passez une belle année scolaire et au plaisir de tous vous rencontrer!



**LAURIE
BIRBILAS**

Salut!

Mon nom est Laurie Birbilas et ce sera un plaisir pour moi de vous représenter sur l'exécutif de l'AÉD pendant l'année scolaire 2010-2011. En tant que vice-présidente aux finances, mon rôle est de m'assurer

que vos fonds sont bien gérés. C'est à dire que je mets à jour le budget de l'AÉD, j'aide à répartir le financement pour les clubs et je m'assure que tous les membres de l'AÉD, les clubs et les comités ont accès à l'information financière dont ils ont besoin pour avoir du succès dans leurs initiatives dans l'immédiat et à long terme.

Over the summer, my main task consisted of setting up the 2010-2011 LSA Master Budget. Budget preparation is a useful tool, as it allows the LSA to evaluate the revenue and expenses from previous periods with a view to creating a clear roadmap of our finances for the year to come. I also spent some time helping our bookkeeper gather the information needed to prepare our financial statements, so that our Chartered Accountant could conduct our yearly audit. In July, we reinvested some of our matured savings into Guaranteed Savings Investments (GIC's) so that we can continue to earn secured interest on funds before they are allocated to initiatives that benefit our Faculty. Lastly, I assisted the members of the Orientation Committee in preparing the 2010 Orientation Budget, so that they could maximize our available resources and hold another amazing Orientation this year.

Je crois que les caractéristiques les plus importantes du portefeuille financier sont la tenue de comptabilité organisée ainsi que la transparence. Puisque l'AÉD représente le corps étudiant, je veux m'assurer que les fonds de l'AÉD sont dépensés correctement pour que vous puissiez bénéficier au maximum de votre expérience à la faculté de droit.

If you want to talk about our legal tender, I'm your gal! Don't hesitate to contact me at vp-finance.lsa@mail.mcgill.ca.

See you around!

Laurie


**MIKE
FINLEY**

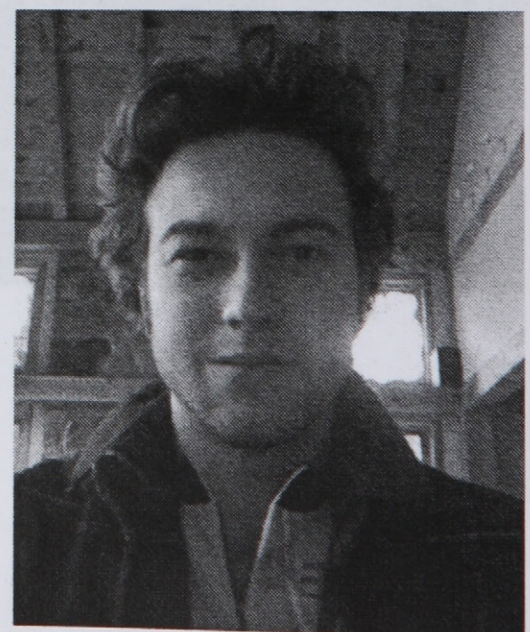
Hi Everybody! My name is Mike Finley and I will be your VP Athletics for the year. A bit about myself: I'm from Toronto, did my undergrad in the UK at Cambridge University and am looking forward to getting my second year underway here at McGill Law. I am very excited to be doing this job, sports

have always been an important part of my life and I'm pleased to have the opportunity to share my enthusiasm for them with you. This year I hope that athletic activities gauged to all levels of ability and experience will provide the opportunity to meet and socialize, and to make all of our lives a little bit healthier. With the multitude of charity athletic events that have been established, sport can also be an opportunity to give back to the community and I will be encouraging students from the law faculty to join me in getting involved in events like these.

C'est important que vous réalisiez qu'il y a plusieurs occasions de vous impliquer dans les activités sportives de McGill même si vous n'avez pas beaucoup d'expérience. Un document intitulé « Information sur l'Athlétisme à McGill - McGill Athletics Summary » disponible sur le site Web de l'AÉD décrit les différentes options qui s'offrent à vous. Je vous encourage tous à trouver une activité physique à faire pendant vos études; la lecture, les cours et les examens peuvent être stressants et l'athlétisme est une bonne méthode pour vous défouler et relaxer.

Throughout the summer I have been researching athletics at McGill, organizing schedules and preparing various events to make getting involved in sports easy, fun and undaunting. Each week there will be organized running groups (while the weather lasts), a squash ladder and occasional trips to try out new things like rockclimbing, cross-country skiing and curling.

De plus, il y aura des événements annuels de plus grande envergure comme la Coupe MalPractice (contre les étudiants en médecine) et les JeuxRidiques. Si vous me voyez à la Faculté, venez de me parler! J'ai hâte de rencontrer les nouveaux étudiants et de revoir ceux qui reviennent pour leur deuxième, troisième ou quatrième année en droit. I hope to see many you for a run and, if not, for a beer!



VP-INTERNAL

**H ÉL ÈNE
VALL ÉE**

À la fin du mois d'avril, j'ai commencé mon rôle de VP Interne à l'AÉD. J'ai pris connaissance des dossiers et j'ai désiré en ouvrir de nouveau. Voici un résumé des opérations:

Food and Dining Services at the Faculty

My new duty as VP Internal is to communicate to Aramark (our new food provider) student preoccupations and ideas concerning the food and dining services offered at the Faculty. If you don't see me in the hallways or in the LSA office, just drop a note in my LSA mailbox and I will meet or speak with an Aramark representative about your concern(s).

Organizing Orientation 2010

Cet été fut dédié à l'organisation de l'Orientation 2010; loin d'être une mince tâche, je me suis assuré d'avoir une équipe solide pour m'aider à construire ces deux semaines de découvertes caractérisées par un brin de décadence. Un gros merci à Laurence, Caitlin, Georgia, Jean -Philippe, Stefan et Greg! Résumé de nos rencontres: brainstorming, délégations des tâches, recherches des meilleurs ratios qualités/prix, téléphones/fax/courriels/textos (une tendinite du pouce ça existe?), rencontres avec Aisha Topsakal, communication avec Marie-Pier Cloutier qui travaillait pour le SAO cet été, signature des contrats, parler du bal et reparler du bal, achat de décorations pour le bal, adaptation de l'horaire selon un certain remaniement ministériel, production des éléments promotionnels, recherche de bouffe, course au permis d'alcool!...Le comité d'orientation s'est rassemblé religieusement chez moi au courant de cet été pour la construction d'une, on l'espère, belle et mémorable Orientation 2010!

The year to come

Aside from Orientation we have lots to look forward to! Coffeehouses are on their way, the LSA office is looking better every day (e.g. painting of logo on the wall, waxing of floors by our very helpful Constanzo, rearrangement of the furniture...), etc. You are welcome to stop by the LSA Office (we have a great sofa) whenever the President or a VP is there!

I have tons of ideas for the year to come: guest speakers, trips, parties and more parties, theme inspired coffeehouses, restaurant outings, hockey nights, sports activities (Mike and I are concocting these...). Watch out for posters and emails announcing our events!

VP-CLUBS & SERVICES

**MASON
GORDON**

Hi! My name is Mason Gordon and I will be working towards enhancing student services and faculty activities as your LSA Vice President - Clubs and Services for 2010-2011.

As the link between various student groups and the LSA, I will be helping these groups find members and organize events. Additionally, I will be on the committees that determine the allocation of the funds dedicated towards student clubs as well as the Dean's Discretionary Fund (DDF).

Finally, I will also be managing the production of the Law Faculty's Agenda and of the Online Student Directory (the "bot-tin"), organizing and coordinating the Clubs' Day fair that just took place, and working to bring you various other activities. Please don't ever hesitate to give me suggestions, share your ideas, ask me anything or just chat. I look forward to an enjoyable and eventful year with all of you.



JULIEN GRENIER

Hail
to you my friend!

I'm pretty sure that last night, before getting into bed, you asked yourself about the role of the LSA VP-Academic. Well, dear colleague, those moments of anxiety will be ancient history if you take a minute to read this article.

Mon rôle au sein du comité exécutif de l'AÉD peut sembler complexe mais en réalité il est très simple, celui de représenter vos intérêts auprès de la Faculté, tout en m'assurant que vos droits soient respectés en tout temps. Avec un peu de temps et de persévérance, il est souvent possible de faire bouger les choses.

This year, I will be working on three main projects. The first one is the well-known debate surrounding the JD. I will be working closely with the board and its conclusion, but also with the students who would like to give their input on the subject. Secondly, I would like to follow the work of my predecessor on the second year reform.

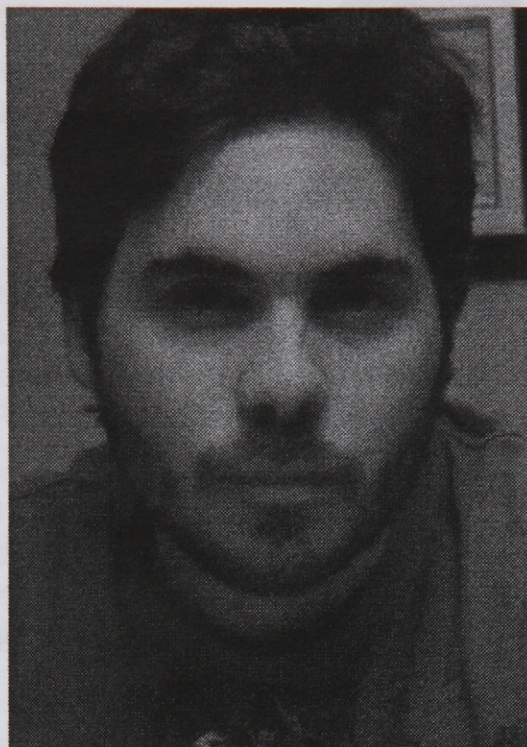
Finalement, j'aimerais mettre de l'avant un dossier qui me tient à coeur, celui de la place du français au sein de la Faculté.

Your input is greatly important to us because as an Association we have the power to make your voice heard and taken into consideration. Therefore, I believe it is essential as your student representative that we work together and this is why I strongly encourage you to contact me.

Que ce soit pour un conseil, une plainte, une question sur votre expérience à la faculté, un four à réparer, un ou encore commentaire, je serai toujours là pour vous écouter.

Improving your academic experience at the faculty is my job - never forget it.

Frankly yours,
-Julien Grenier



KIRK EMERY

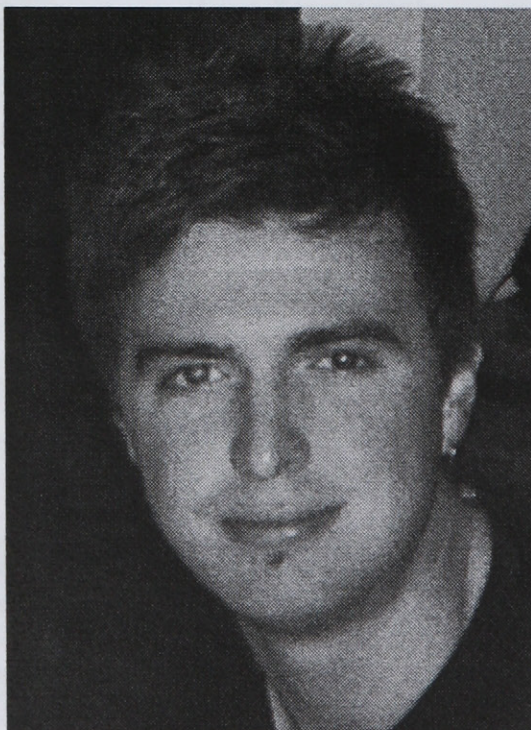
À titre de VP Externe, je représente vos intérêts avec fierté dans tous les enjeux externes à l'Association des étudiants en droit de McGill (l'AÉD) et à la faculté de droit. En somme, je travail avec l'ensemble des facultés, des associations étudiantes, et des corps administratifs de l'Université McGill. Je suis aussi la voix des étudiants en droit au sein du conseil de l'Association étudiante de l'Université McGill (l'AÉUM). À l'extérieur du campus, je représente l'AÉD lorsque nous devons faire affaire avec des groupes de pressions ou le gouvernement.

My portfolio has a few main objectives. One is to apply a little tender loving care to the LSA's relationship with the SSMU. In recent years, the two groups have drifted apart. While some law students have become dissatisfied with the SSMU, others have expressed an interest in severing our ties with the SSMU altogether. I will work to improve this situation for law students. My strategy involves representing the LSA in biweekly meetings with the SSMU and representatives from other faculties. Also, Stefan and I will renegotiate the LSA's Memorandum of Agreement with the SSMU, ensuring that the terms of the contract fit the LSA's mandate of furthering your interests. Another important part of my portfolio is the LSA's role in an ongoing project aimed at improving access to justice in Québec by pressuring the government of Québec to make it easier for low-income earners to get free legal representation on the government's dime. Myself and the other student representatives of civil law schools will do so by recommending to the Québec Minister of Justice that legal aid's basic minimum be raised. I would like to offer thanks to the LSA's previous VP-Externals, Joel Lightbound and Alex Shee, for helping to bring this project to fruition.

As the VP-External, my job is to stand for the LSA when interacting with organizations outside of our faculty. One way that law students are perceived from the outside is by their degrees. This brings us to the JD-LLB debate. In recent years, about a quarter of Canada's law schools have followed Harvard's lead and changed

the name of their common law degrees from LLB to JD (Juris Doctor). This change is designed to raise the value of the common law degree in the minds of others and to signify its status as a professional degree. With the LSA and other student volunteers, I will explore whether or not McGill Law should change the name of its common law degree to JD, and make a recommendation to that end.

The final objective within my portfolio is not unique. Like all members of the LSA, I will be available to students to help address their concerns, and I will help make law students feel at home in the LSA and the McGill Faculty of Law.



TARA MANDJEE

For those who didn't get the chance to meet me yet, I am Tara Mandjee, VP Public Relations for the upcoming year. Par la présente, je tenterai de vous éclairer sur les fonctions de mon poste et les mystérieuses tâches que je réalise en votre nom. Depuis ma prise de fonctions, le 1er Mai 2010, j'ai

pris conscience des procédures qui prennent place « derrière le rideau » et précèdent toute décision ou projet, et c'est ce que j'aimerais partager avec vous.

More specifically related to my position, I think it's a pity that students only get to see the tip of the iceberg: they attend the event but they have no idea why and how it was organized and on what terms with a firm. This information could be really relevant and interesting, as it tells us more about what firms can offer and which ones are more compatible with our ambitions. My hope is to share this information with you throughout the year.

Tout commence par la transition, qui suppose informer les cabinets que je « reprends le flambeau » ; pour reprendre les mots de ma prédécesseur ; et qui permet d'établir un premier contact. Ensuite, avant de faire parvenir le plan de commandites, j'ai donné la priorité aux cabinets ayant participé à des commandites exclusives l'année dernière de les renouveler, ce qu'ils firent tous.

Anytime you use your agenda, be grateful to Ogilvy Renault as they again sponsored the printing and are willing to make a long-term agreement with the LSA! As well, the Bottin is sponsored by Woods, just as last year. Also, thanks to Stikeman Elliot, you had the opportunity to have lunch while you meet your law partner.

The closing event of Orientation, the Welcome Ball has become a tradition with a Cocktail sponsored by McCarthy Tetrault.. The last, but not least, is Blakes' sponsorship - an informal agreement was already made with Blakes in the previous years but this year, a new three-year contract has been signed with Blakes designating it as sponsorship, not only of Skit Nite, but also of Law School of Rock as well. The tremendous generosity of Blakes should be kept in mind by the students and will hopefully inspire other partners.

Before sending the package to the firms on June 23th, Stefan and I went through the 2009-2010 sponsorship package and, based on our predecessors' experiences, we modified it: things which didn't work have been taken off the package or their prices have been adjusted and some items were added. I have to admit that having the previous VP Public Relations' reports, but especially having an old member of the Executive as President was really useful.

Nous avons adapté le plan de commandites dans l'optique d'élargir l'éventail des commanditaires. En effet, le plan a été envoyé non seulement aux cabinets montréalais, mais aussi à des cabinets de New York et de Toronto. De plus, nous avons pris l'initiative d'offrir une gamme d'opportunités de tailles et de coûts différents, soient des opportunités plus adaptées aux besoins et aux budgets des commanditaires, ce qui s'est traduit par la participation de quatre nouveaux partenaires.

I hope all this information I have shared will turn out to be useful for you. Again, don't hesitate to talk to me – I love to talk! I will be happy to help as a VP, to chat as a friend, and to be advised as a person seeking progress.



CHARLIE
FELDMAN

FROM THE OMBUDSMAN

Howdy tout le monde and welcome back!

I wear many hats here at the Quid, one of which is that of Ombudsman. What does this mean? While the final Quid decisions rest with Courtney and Chanel (the Editors-in-Chief), I seek to advise them on various Quid-related matters, and serve as a liaison between the publication and students (and occasionally Faculty). Mainly, I deal with issues related to content in the Quid.

Believe it or not, we do have standards at the Quid (har-dee-har-har) and our Policies and Operating Guidelines require publication of the rules in the first issue of every semester. As such, below please find our guidelines and policies.

If you have a question/complaint/comment/concern about anything Quid Novi, feel free to shoot me an e-mail: quid.charlie@gmail.com

Looking forward to a great year of Quidding,
-Charlie

QUID NOVI POLICIES AND OPERATING GUIDELINES

The Quid belongs to students enrolled in the Faculty of Law at McGill University. It is essential that it maintains transparent policies and guidelines that take into consideration values such as the freedom of expression as well as interests such as those of students and faculty. The policies and operating guidelines are set forth below. Questions and comments may be directed to: quid.law@mcgill.ca. This policy is updated at the sole discretion of the Editors-in-Chiefs provided notice of update has been published in the Quid.

This version of the policy is enacted as of 2010.

This document has five sections:

- 1) General Guidelines
- 2) Submission and Revocation Policy
- 3) Anonymous Submission Policy

- 4) Editing Guidelines
- 5) Content Review Policy
- 6) Notice and Amendment Process

1) GENERAL GUIDELINES

Every item appearing in the Quid Novi is an opinion piece that reflects only the views of the person(s) submitting the item. Neither the Quid Novi, the LSA, nor the Faculty of Law endorse any of the material or views contained therein. Given the nature of the publication and its limited resources, the Quid will not undertake to evaluate the factual accuracy of submissions. Submissions are presumptively publishable unless they do not conform to the guidelines contained herein.

2) SUBMISSION AND REVOCATION POLICY

The Quid is a submission-driven publication. The deadline for submission shall appear in every issue. Articles submitted must include the author's name and year of study. If the author is writing in a particular capacity (i.e. 'LSA President'; 'Head of Student Club') this is to be indicated by the author.

No material submitted after the deadline shall be published without the express consent of the Editors-in-Chief. Late submissions will be slated for publication in the subsequent edition.

Articles submitted for publication may be revoked by the author. The Quid will honour all such requests provided they are made at least two days prior to publication. The Quid will do its best to honour a late revocation request but will not stop the printing of an issue that has already gone to press.

3) ANONYMOUS SUBMISSION POLICY

The Quid will publish anonymous articles provided they conform to the Quid Policy and Operating Guidelines. Anonymous articles present a challenge for content review for they do not allow the Editors-in-Chief to consult with the author. As such, if an anonymous article is rejected for publication,

notification of rejection must be published in the Quid.

4) EDITING GUIDELINES

Every item submitted to the Quid shall be reviewed. The Quid reserves the right to make grammatical edits to improve the readability or suitability for publication of an article. Editors may also correct spelling mistakes. If a submission requires significant editing - in the view of the first person reviewing the article - this shall be indicated to the Editors-in-Chief. The Editors may refuse to publish the article for lack of suitability or may conduct significant edits and publish the submission. Minor edits need not be communicated to the author prior to publication.

5) CONTENT REVIEW POLICY

All submissions made to the Quid shall be reviewed for content. There is a four-step review process:

1) Review by Editor

The Editor assigned to review the article (or an Editor-in-Chief) individually reviews the submission for content they believe to be questionable. Questionable content is content that, in the appreciation of that respective Editor, is either potentially offensive or potentially not suitable for publication. The following factors will be considered when assessing potential offensiveness: the overall tone of the submission, the specific word(s) used, the context in which they are used, coupled with an individual appreciation of the potential reaction to said material by the student body, professors, alumni, and the Montreal legal community. If, on balance, any individual Editor or an Editor-in-Chief believes there is questionable content, this is communicated to the Editors-in-Chief.

Items that are potentially not suitable for publication include, but are not limited to: submissions that are too long or too short; submissions that have the potential to create a hostile environment for faculty or

students; and submissions that are defamatory in nature.

2) Discussion

At the second stage of review, the Editors-in-Chief and Editor who did the initial review discuss their specific findings with one another in relation to the submission. If there is a finding of questionable content that is agreed to by a majority (i.e. at least two-out-of-three between the reviewing editor and the Editors-in-Chief), the article goes for consultation. If there is no agreed finding of questionable content, the article is published as is or with edits at the discretion of the Editors-in-Chief.

3) Consultation

At the Consultation stage, the Editors-in-Chief must advise the author that there is a content concern. The Editors-in-Chief may consult others about the submission, provided there is no information given identifying the author(s). The Editors-in-Chief may consult with any individuals mentioned in the article, fel-

low students, faculty members, and/or alumni, at the discretion of the Editors-in-Chief. Consultation is not a question of how-many-for vs. how-many-against; rather, given the nature and role of the Quid, consultation is premised on whether the specific content is suitable for publication. The author may be consulted numerous times if the Editors-in-Chief feel this is necessary.

4) Decision

The Editors-in-Chief will discuss the results of their consultations and will render a decision to: [a] accept the submission as is; [b] accept the submission with minor edit(s) to be completed by the Editors-in-Chief; [c] return the submission to the author for modification with suggestions provided at the discretion of the Editors-in-Chief, or, alternatively, [d] reject publication without modification suggestions. The decision of the Editors-in-Chief is final and binding. The Editors-in-Chief, at their discretion, may publish a notice of rejection in the

Quid with their reasons, indicating, at their discretion, the name(s) of the author(s). Alternatively, the author(s) may request that such a notice appear, in which case the notice will bear the format: AUTHOR -- YEAR -- TITLE OF SUBMISSION "was submitted for publication but will not be printed in accordance with the Quid Policy and Operation Guidelines."

6) NOTICE AND AMENDMENT PROCESS

The Editors-in-Chief shall publish these guidelines in the Quid in the first issue of every semester. Changes may only be proposed by Quid staff. If there is a proposed change, it will be indicated in the next issue of the Quid with the opportunity for students to make submissions for a period of at least one week. Changes must be approved by a majority of active Quid staff. The Editors-in-Chief must publish notice of any change or change attempt in the Quid.

Effective: April, 2010

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CHARLIE
FELDMAN

DROIT A L'IMAGE

What is droit a l'image? Well, in preparation for my future career as tabloid fodder, I've decided to create my own tabloid right here within the Faculty rag! It started off as simply a week-in-review in pictures (if you haven't met me, I'm the kid always taking pictures...). This week, there are no pictures in order to make room for other things, but we'll be back with the snapshots next week.

If you have anything to submit or ideas for this section: quid.charlie@gmail.com

... Disons ...

(overheard @ the fac)

Many thanks to my spies around the Faculty! PROFS: If you don't want quotes from your class used, do let me know (as some of you have). My apologies for any mis-quotes. I will be more than happy to publish corrections or explanatory notes upon request! (quid.charlie@gmail.com)

Prof. [REDACTED]: *Mais enfants ne m'écoutez pas. Donc quand j'ai une publique captive je m'en profite. [laughter] Non, non sérieusement, c'est une forme de thérapie...*

Prof. [REDACTED]: If there's one thing McGill is known for – it's for conveying to you just how ambiguous the rules are.

Prof. Klein: I showed the class list to my colleagues, and they assured me it was a good group. [light laughter] No, seriously, we spent hours going name-by-name...

Prof. Moyse: Vous n'êtes pas intéressées dans la théorie de Hohfeld? Bien, je vois que j'ai aucune audience aujourd'hui. On parle d'autre choses.

Prof. [REDACTED]: It's racist and sexist. But it's funny racist and funny sexist, you know?

Prof. Gold: My goal is in part to destroy any concept of property that you have. Everything you know is wrong.

Prof. Sheppard: Life ... is often more complicated than legislative provisions.

Prof. [REDACTED]: Is anyone not going to be here next week for the holiday? You know, one thing I like to do around Jewish Holidays is show movies.

Me. Mitchell: I know many on the waitlist want to get into the class – I don't take that necessarily as an endorsement of my teaching...

Prof. Klein: We've moved out of our room overlooking the lovely garage, and now we're in the ugly cave of doom...

Prof. [REDACTED]: You're forced to be here. You can't leave law school without taking the best class in law school - common law property... It's sad that you come in to here having taken civil law property, which is the most boring class in law school.

(Droit a l'image: Clearly someone never took it with Prof. Emerich!!)

Prof. [Redacted]: Quand j'ai terminé mes études, ou plutôt quand mes études m'ont achevés...

Prof. Gold: All families have a decision-making mechanism. It may be mother knows best, it may be father knows best. And if you believe in that show... Super Nanny? I think... then the kids should make decisions.

Prof. Klein: You can't just be running around with a large amount of crack rock on you. *(Droit a l'image: Someone please pass this memo to Whitney Houston).*

Prof. Klein: I've talked to other profs - the quality of the exam doesn't change depending if the exam is a 6, 12, 24, or 48 hour take-home – all that changes is how much stress students experience while taking the exam.

Me. Mitchell: The REAL skill of a trial lawyer is knowing when to stand up and when to shut up.

(Droit a l'image: By contrast, the REAL skill of a law student is knowing when to show up and when to sleep in...)

Prof. [REDACTED]: The next class is extremely boring, I'm letting you know now.

(Droit a l'image: We really appreciate advance warning like this. Plus 10 points for professorial honesty!)

Prof. [REDACTED]: Yeah, so, long story short they were married for immigration reasons.

Prof. [REDACTED]: This guy, who dressed as a woman, had something going on with Caesar's wife... through legal maneuverings, he became the master of Rome for a number of years... until he is beaten up to death during a brawl.

Me. Mitchell: I don't know if you know this, but judges can turn what's black and white into orange.

Prof. [REDACTED]: Let's recall the prime rule: THE LAW IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE AN ASS!

Me. Mitchell: That's the way it really works: Courts make up rules – and then give them fancy Latin names!

Prof. Moyse: L'occupation colonial des Européens, c'était un peu comme le Risk. On plantait le drapeau et puis le tout appartenait à soi. Risk... je suis nul en ce jeu. Mais pourtant il n'y a pas trop de stratégies... c'est que de la chance.

Prof. Moyse: Tu connais le format actor-studio? On invite un comédien puis les étudiants lui pose les questions. J'avais l'idée de faire la même chose dans la domaine de propriété intellectuelle. C'est moins sexy, mais cela peut être utile.

Prof. Moyse: Que l'on lit dans les journaux dans une langage très vulgaire. Je veux dire vulgaire, pas *vulgaire*... En fait, pas vulgaire-prejoratif, mais vulgaire-vulgaire. C'est clair?

Prof. Moyse: [expliquant une théorie de la propriété intellectuelle]: On invente et hop, un bonbon. C'est la théorie du bonbon.

Prof. Gold: We [lawyers] are the cost of internalizing externalities. That's why no one likes us.

... and on a personal front ...

Me: Hey! I'm taking your _____ class!

Prof. [REDCATED]: No you're not! I check that list like hourly just to make sure. And besides that, I should have a veto – at least once – over who is taking my courses.

(at the SAO, talking to a transfer student about courses – Prof. Jukier walks by...)

Me: ... I'm just telling him what sections to take, you know, giving him the inside scoop.

Prof. Jukier (to the transfer student): You can take my section, but DON'T BECOME ONE OF HIS SPIES FOR THE QUID!

STUDENT OVERHEARDS!

Please indicate the year of study (or SNAIL) and send to quid.charlie@gmail.com or hit me up on Facebook.

4L: I have waited THREE LONG YEARS only to have a locker that's so small I CAN'T EVEN STORE F*****G TIC-TACS IN IT!!!! I HATE THIS PLACE!!

(Note: There were too many locker freak-outs to include, but this was my favourite so it wins the prize lol)

2L: Was there a point to last year? I mean, other than shooting down my ego and GPA?

3L: It's now the Student Annoyance Office – let everyone know that's what SAO stands for.

4L: Oh! Someone is going to get an angry e-mail of DEATH about this!

3L: Who are these people? No, seriously, I don't recognize anyone.

(downstairs)

1L: I love my locker.

3L (nearby): HEY \$% ^& YOU, BUDDY!

(at the Law Partner Lunch)

1L: Everyone here is so nice!!! 2L: Just wait.

(at the Welcome Ball)

3L: These 1Ls are so much cooler than last year's 1Ls! I was worried our year was an anomaly.

4L: Why am I still here?

4L: How did you get a spot in that class!?!?

3L: Oh, I *****ed some *****s.

(We'll leave that one edited. If it makes you feel better, you can complete it with 'I waited some lists', which is the only acceptable/acknowledged way to get a spot in a course, though we're guessing it was something else...).

3L: It's not that I don't want to take courses in French, it's just that the ones offered now are either early as hell or boring as f**k... or both.

2L: Why, out of all the required courses, is Common Law Property only offered in English? So, whereas we're saying Civil Law Property is practiced in English two-sections-to-one nobody practices [CML prop] in French?

?L: [Talks about how jeans aren't made for people with athletic lower body proportions]

?L: Poor man - it must be hard to be a living Greek statute and to walk among the last men...

3L: Welcome Ball... I don't know if I want to go. Sixty bucks is a lot – and I mean, it is all-you-can-drink... but, you know, there's a chance of taking a 1L home, so I guess I'm game.

2L: If I get another damn notification about that group changing name.... swear to G-D someone's gonna get a hurt real bad! *(last part said with an accent)*

3L: I was smart about it – no morning classes. I need my hangover recovery time built-in to my course schedule.

(at Welcome Ball)

2L: If you have a gun up in your waist please don't shoot up the place.

Droit a l'image: Why?

2L: 'Cause I see some ladies tonight who should be having my baby, babyyyyyyy
(I just love a good sing-a-long!)

3L: That's like dating someone with basically the same name as you. I don't get it.

3L: This class is going to be a bull\$% &#-fest worse than Foundations. DROP!

(at Clubs Day)

1L: Is it bad to sign up for everything? I can't decide just yet...

Droit a l'image: Well, you'll probably get a lot of e-mails if you do that.

1L: Well, I never check my McGill mail anyway.

Droit a l'image: You might want to start doing that...

(at coffeehouse)

EXCHANGE: Wait, so this happens every Thursday?

Droit a l'image: Just about...

EXCHANGE: North America is wonderful!

(in class)

2L: 'Cause I know a judge.... A senior one.

(Droit a l'image: I got sent this by a few people so I'm pretty sure it was funny in the way it was said but sadly that doesn't always translate in print...)

1L: How much should I study for legal meth?

3L: All I have to do is make it to May without getting locked up, knocked up, or shot up!

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DROIT A L'IMAGE - SUITE

Welcome to 1L?

It being the first Quid of the year, I decided to do good and provide some insight/advice to the new 1Ls. I quickly realized that my advice (bring crayons to class and sing often ... in class) is probably not that valuable, so I solicited advice to share. What follows is some of what was said/e-mailed to me. Take everything as you will and with a grain of salt, and I more than encourage any upper-year to write an article 'What I wish I knew in 1L' for a future Quid.

The questions asked: What do you know now that you wish you knew as a 1L? OR, if you could offer one piece of advice to new 1Ls, what would it be?

2L: Professors actually want you to come and talk to them. As in, they WANT you to come talk to them. Not that they don't mind, but as in they ENJOY students coming to speak to them.

3L: You'll have to learn stuff - not just regurgitate, comment, and critique. If you have an undergrad coming from something like political science, by the end of your degree you get really good at BSing and really bad at learning - in law you actually have to learn.

4L: That no matter how much you study and know any law or legal text, at McGill they grade you better for your philosophic, feminist, hermeneutic, libertarian, liberal, etc. approach.

4L: Ninety-nine percent of the professors really care and pour their hearts into their teaching, but be polite to them - just one rude grade-grubbing student can really turn a professor off an entire class. Professors have feelings too!

3L: Never listen to what anyone says about a professor. Make up your own mind. People have different tastes and I would have missed out on some excellent classes if I had listened to 'The word on the street'

4L: Get to know the people around you. Your classmates are the best thing about your education. The professors are also worth getting to know; go to office hours and help yourself stand out (in a good way).

3L: Speak from your heart (not your summary- everyone will talk about you if you do that) but not too much, and make annotated syllabi for exams.

4L: Buying things for legal meth is a waste of money.

3L: Apply for everything - there is so much cool stuff you can do in law school!

2L: Don't let exam time sneak up on you. MUCH easier said than done.

2L: Nothing in first year is as bad as you think it is in that moment/going to turn out later. It's basic, but tremendously easy to forget.

4L: Sometimes using your time wisely means not going to class.

2L: There are no assertions in law school- anything you put down on an exam must be properly sourced with an authority - the rest is just fluff, so make sure your notes are designed accordingly.

2L: Sometimes, less is more - you CAN get lost in the details if you dive too much into

cases, and unless you have a steel trap memory really having detailed recall of the more subtle points of any case you read is most likely going to be irrelevant or lost on the prof in the exam.

2L: Always give yourself five minutes on an exam for a final read-through.

2L: Don't study for Civil Law Property like it's a common law course. Know the CCQ and the doctrine.

2L: Be mentally prepared to bust out the blue book if your computer breaks down.

2L: Appreciate what you are learning as much as the grades you are getting - in the long-term that is what is more valuable.

3L: Know now that the grades you'll get may not be the ones you want, or even the ones you feel you deserve. Learn for learning's sake and learn that your GPA does not define you.

2L: Don't take yourself too seriously!

3L: I wish they told us how to study for law school exams and what they would be like. They are different, and it's hard sometimes to conceptualize just what you're being asked. Basically, my advice is to read a summary at the start of a semester, know where the course is going, and structure yourself and your notes accordingly. Don't go case-by-case, think about how it all fits together and you're doing it - it will be majorly helpful come exam time, as you're not simply asked to go case-by-case, but rather, to illustrate how it all fits together.

3L: USE YOUR PRIORITY CREDITS ON EVIDENCE (CIVIL MATTERS)!!!!!!

3L: There's nothing to be gained by comparing grades/offers, etc. Don't talk about it.

3L: My advice would be to look at upper-years. Obviously, some are smarter than you but a lot are just as smart or dumber. I don't say that to be mean, but it would have been helpful as a 1L if I had looked around and realized 'These people can do it' so clearly I can too – there is not some sort of special magical thing you need to do well here.

3L: First-year grades DO matter for recruitment; don't just brush it off entirely.

4L: Find the area of the law you like and then specialize in it through courses or activities, don't immediately jump in to what you think you'll like – give everything a chance.

2L: Make sure the summary you use itself doesn't have errors...

4L: Don't sign up for everything just because it looks good – people can see through that.

2L: Take archery classes!

Droit à l'image: Just that?

2L: Well, more broadly, do something non-law related that you enjoy. There are things other than NCDH and the Gelber.

3L: Don't get mono in your first semester. It really sucks.

ALUM: Go to everything, and I mean everything – every coffeehouse, every Law School of Rock, every Skit Nite – it goes by faster than you think.

ALUM: The difference between a B and an A- can be pretty slight, and a lot of it comes down to using keywords and formatting your answer correctly. Write clean, direct

answers that use key terms properly. Identify the tensions that arise from cases and legislation that have been covered to death in class. If the professor has leaned on a particular analytical lens, use it. The point is not to be original or creative or particularly interesting: it is to concisely replicate what you have been taught. To do so artfully means to add a tiny bit of flair to your answer, while sticking to the blueprint. Think Joschka Fischer walking into the Bundestag in running shoes, not Johnny Rotten sticking a pin through his nose. Incidentally, the blueprint can often be acquired from a summary. There is nothing dishonest about using summaries, you will be using them for the rest of your career.

As a side note, if you want enriching, stimulating classes, take seminars that get away from the casebook model. Professors Antaki and Fox-Decent both teach wonderful philosophy courses where a much more personal kind of learning is encouraged, while adding a rigor that is not present in undergrad. There you have to give more of yourself to get something out of it. These are two courses I can't recommend enough if you want to grow intellectually. But there's just no reason to treat Civil Evidence or Sale like it's Shakespeare or Plato. It's just not.

Finally, keep in mind that most of your professors were gold medalists or otherwise very successful law students. Then they went to one of a handful of approved graduate schools. They didn't get there by deviating too much from the script. Diligence and conformity, in a very earnest sense, is what they know and they recognize and reward it when they see it. It's just how it works. If you let that make you cynical you'll waste a lot of time pouting about nothing.

So remember that your learning is not restricted to what is covered in class, and if you're not animated by the material it doesn't mean there's something wrong with you. Work out a schedule for yourself that you can live with, leave yourself plenty of time for things you like, and don't let the bastards grind you down.

Oh, and every case can be summarized in two sentences. That's about all the space you've got on an exam, usually. If you can't summarize it in two sentences...think about it until you can.

Prof. [Redacted]: I didn't go to law school so I'm probably not the best person to ask...

Prof. Narain: Take time to know what you want to do. Take time to know what's around you. You just got here – enjoy it!

Prof. [Redacted]: If you're going to drop out, do it before you're eight months in!

Prof. [Redacted]: If you're feeling lonesome after Coffeehouse, don't go home with a classmate, head over to St. Laurent.

Prof. Leckey: Proceed with caution on also social fronts at first - life is long in a small community.

Prof. [Redacted]: Talk to your Prof if you don't understand. Well, at first, read it again, ask around, but if you really don't get something, come to office hours. Don't let something fester and then become problematic for you come exams.

Merci à tous et toutes qui m'ont parlé !

Stuff I want to see in the Quid...

As a final comment for this first week, there are a few items that should be in the Quid that people don't think to write, but I think they should. First, if you play on an intramural team, please think about writing a recap (it can be short) so the Faculty can hear of our athletic prowess! Second, if you go to something (a show, a movie, a restaurant) think about writing a review to keep folks in the loop. In this regard, I'm preparing a review (to be published next week, I hope) of *Legally Blonde: The Musical*. **In addition, IF YOU WROTE A TERM PAPER, think about sending us a little abstract** for a new section to be called either 'Stop asking about my term paper!' or simply 'In abstraction...'. You spent time researching and writing, let everyone know what you found! And, as always, if you are in a club or planning an activity and want it publicized, send it in: quid.law@mcgill.ca.

Have a great week everyone!

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ON AIME MANGER CHEZ ???

Okay, so, QUID CONTEST TIME!!!! Now that the cafeteria is no longer Matteo's (RIP...), it needs a new student name. **Let's be honest, we can do better than the McGill official name 'Law Café'.** So, here we go – COMPLETELY UNOFFICIAL – send your suggestions to quid.charlie@gmail.com OR, if you want to be anonymous, put something in the Class President III box in the LSA office. I WILL TAKE SUGGESTIONS UNTIL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th. Next week I will publish the nomination list, and we'll have a ballot to vote on the name. Come up with something fun!!

Some of the suggestions so far:

- 4L: The Lawferteria
- 4L: The Barrister's Club
- 3L: The Oakes Test Café
- 3L: The Course-Pack Cafe!
- 2L: Basterache's!
- 2L: Legal meals – like legal meth!
- 2L: Call it 'Church' – that way I can tell my mom I'm going often!
- 3L: Call it 'The Tabernacle' – and have everyone call it 'Tabarnac' for short.
- 3L: Who cares? Everyone's gonna call it 'The Caf' no matter what you do. *(Thanks, Debbie Downer!)*
- 4L: That's what she said!
- 2L: Snacks and s%?t!
- 3L: ESCARGOT!!!!!! (Because it's the only place other than the library where you see SNAILS)
- Prof. Narain: After Matteo
- Prof. Leckey: Step Down
- Prof. [Redacted]: The Imposition
- Prof. Sheppard: I haven't tried it yet.
- Some professional person on the 4th floor: The Crap-o-teria!

Okay folks... honestly.... I expected better from my initial survey. What I want you to do is think about using the name in a sentence. One of the suggestions, for example, was 'Herpes'. This would lead to phrases such as:

Do you want to go downstairs and get Herpes? Yo, I paid way too much to get Herpes. That Herpes is tasting so good in my mouth right now. DO WE REALLY WANT THIS?

A similar suggestion was 'The Grundle'.

I humbly ask that you all think of a name that works in both official languages. And no, we're not calling it McLachlin's Munchies, though I did appreciate that suggestion.

ALL NAME SUGGESTIONS: quid.charlie@gmail.com

As a side note, I must give credit where credit is due and shout-out the apple pie sold downstairs. I was skeptical at first, but it was actually quite good! It is getting the Droit à l'image stamp of approval.

Also, I am looking for anyone who wants to see the new movie 'Easy A', or, as I call it 'The McGill Law Grading Story'. I believe our publication should have a review of it.

E-mail quid.charlie@gmail.com or return the below to the Class President III box at the LSA

I, _____ (NAME OPTIONAL) **BELIEVE THE CAFETERIA DOWNSTAIRS SHOULD BE KNOWN INFORMALLY AS:**

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